

Wisconsin E-Brief for Title I Focus Schools

An e-newsletter from the Title I and School Support Team
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Focus School Grants are due!

Your Focus School Grant application is connected to the Title I application. Please complete and submit the grant application by December 20, or contact your district ESEA Coordinator to do so.

Please remember:

- ❖ The Focus School Grant can be found in the [ESEA Consolidated Application](#).
- ❖ This \$14,000 grant must be used to support the professional development needs of staff and/or to support the utilization of Indistar.
- ❖ The Focus Grant funds can be approved once your school is in compliance with this year's Focus School requirements. A complete explanation of Focus School requirements for 2013-2014 can be found [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact your [Focus School Liaison](#).

Professional development that may be funded with Focus School Grants:

- [Wisconsin State Reading Association Convention, February 6-8, 2014](#)
- [46th Wisconsin Mathematics Council Annual Conference, April 30-May 2, 2014](#)
- [Wisconsin Title I Association Conference, April 3-4, 2014](#)

Save the Date

Plan to attend a Focus School Literacy Networking Session on Thursday, February 6, in conjunction with WSRA. Appetizers, special guests, and prize drawings, along with focused Literacy sharing will make this an exciting, must-attend event!

New

Registration for the 2014 Wisconsin Title I Association Conference is now open. Registration information can be found [here](#).

Professional Development Opportunities

Webinar on Wisconsin's new SLD rule

As part of the DPI series *Balancing the Intervention and Prevention of Reading Difficulties*, a webinar about Wisconsin's new SLD rule was published the week of November 18. This webinar gives special emphasis to the role of the reading specialist in implementing the rule, which takes effect for Wisconsin public schools December 1, 2013. Note that these webinars are recorded in Blackboard Collaborate, which requires the most up-to-date version of Java, and are best viewed in Internet Explorer.

Find this webinar and previous webinars in the series at http://bit.ly/13_14LitWebinars.

For more information about the new SLD rule, please visit the DPI web page [Programs for Students with Specific Learning Disabilities](#), or contact dpisped@dpi.wi.gov or (608) 266-1781.

Resources

[DPI Title I Focus School Homepage](#)
[Focus School Requirements 2013-14](#)
[Indistar indicators aligned to Rtl, PBIS and EWS](#)